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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN COCOM

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1. GAO TEAM, STEWART TOMLINSON AND ALAN BENNETT, AS PART OF
GAO REVIEW OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN COCOM, PLANS TO VISIT
PARIS, LONDON, AND BONN FROM JUNE 5 TO JUNE 23. MESSRS.
TOMLINSON AND BENNETT WANT TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING WITH
COCOM DELEGATIONS AND COCOM POLICY-MAKING OFFICIALS IN
CAPITOLS (1) THEIR PERCEPTIONS OF COCOM'S STATUS, PROBLEMS,
AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES (2) PROCEDURES IN
RESOLVING COCOM CASES, AND POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS IN U.S.
PROCEDURES, (3) EXISTING COMPLIANCE PROBLEMS AND THEIR IM-
PACT ON COCOM AS CONTROL MECHANISM, (4) THEIR PERCEPTIONS
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ON PRESENT AND FUTURE FOREIGN AVAILABILITY (NON-COCOM) OF
CONTROLLED ITEMS, AND (5) THEIR PERCEPTIONS OF IMPACT OF
COCOM ON U.S. COMPETITIVENESS. THEY WILL ALSO INQUIRE AT
THREE ACTION POSTS INTO WORK PERFORMED IN END USE INVESTI-
GATIONS AND PRE-LICENSING CHECKS. GAO TEAM MAY ALSO WISH
TO DISCUSS WITH FOREIGN POLICY MAKERS WHETHER THEY DO END
USE INVESTIGATIONS AND PRE-LICENSING CHECKS AND IF NOT,

WHY NOT. TEAM WILL ALSO REVIEW OPERATIONS OF U.S. COCOM DELEGATION.

2. GAO TEAM PROPOSES INTERVIEWS WITH FRENCH, BELGIAN, JAPANESE, AND ITALIAN COCOM DELEGATES, AND WITH CHAIRMAN OF COCOM. IN ALL THREE CAPITOLS, APART FROM POLICY MAKERS, GAO WOULD LIKE APPOINTMENTS WITH FRENCH, ENGLISH, AND GERMAN EXPORT LICENSING OFFICIALS, THE WEST GERMAN OFFICE OF STRATEGIC TRADE CONTROL IN THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS, ITS BRITISH COUNTERPART, AND U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS HANDLING EXPORT CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE WORK. GAO TEAM WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF U.S. COCOM DELEGATE AND EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN CAPITOLS WOULD ACCOMPANY THEM DURING TALKS, BUT THEY DO NOT WISH TO DISRUPT REGULAR WORKING PROGRAM. TEAM DOES NOT (REPEAT NOT) WISH TO BE MET AT AIRPORTS.

3. GAO'S ITINERARY FOLLOWS: ARRIVES PARIS AT 0800 ON JUNE 5 ABOARD TWA 890; DEPARTS PARIS AT 1000 ON JUNE 10 ABOARD AIR FRANCE 800, ARRIVING LONDON AT 1000; DEPARTS LONDON AT 0930 ON JUNE 14 ABOARD BRITISH AIRWAYS 742, ARRIVING COLOGNE AT 1040; DEPARTS COLOGNE AT 1640 ON JUNE 16 ABOARD LUFTHANSA 128, ARRIVING PARIS AT 1840; DEPARTS PARIS AT 1400 ON JUNE 23 ABOARD TWA 891 FOR WASHINGTON. TEAM REQUESTS THAT TWO SINGLES BE RESERVED PARIS JUNE 5 TO MORNING OF JUNE 10 AND JUNE 16 TO MORNING OF JUNE 23 AT HOTEL CHATEAUBRIAND, IN LONDON JUNE 10 TO MORNING OF JUNE 14 AT CONFIDENTIAL

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CARING HOTEL, IN BONN JUNE 14 TO MORNING OF JUNE 16 AT HOTEL DREESSEN.

4. IF FOREIGN OFFICIALS ASK ABOUT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MAJAK STAFFDEL AND GAO REVIEW POSTS MAY RESPOND GAO HAS INFORMED US ITS REVIEW IS FOR THE FULL CONGRESS AND HAS BROADER OBJECTIVES. GAO OFFICIALS TOMLINSON AND BENNETT ARE CLEARED FOR TOP SECRET MATERIAL. THEY HAVE FURTHER REITERATED THEY WILL RESPECT COCOM CONFIDENTIALITY. DEPARTMENT HAS FOLLOWED PRECEDENT ESTABLISHED IN 1974 COCOM STUDY AS PART OF BROADER REVIEW OF EAST-WEST TRADE OF PROVIDING ONLY USG-INITIATED COCOM DOCUMENTS. U.S. COCOM DELEGATION IS INSTRUCTED TO PROVIDE THE SAME UPON REQUEST. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO FURNISH DEPARTMENT NAMES AND NUMBERS OF OFFICE AND HOME TELEPHONES OF CONTROL OFFICERS. GAO INVITES THE POSTS TO ASK ANY QUESTION VIA DEPARTMENT. TEAM EXPECTS TO BE IN OFFICES OF U.S. COCOM DELEGATION AROUND NOON ON JUNE 5.

5. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO COOPERATE WITH GAO IN ACCORDANCE WITH 4 FAM 930-934. GAO IS AWARE THAT CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN OFFICIALS ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE AMBASSADOR

TO BE MADE BY THE EMBASSY WITH EMBOFF TO ACCOMPANY IF
FEASIBLE. GAO IS WILLING TO BRIEF EMBASSY OFFICIALS PRIOR
TO AND FOLLOWING MEETINGS WITH COCOM DELEGATES AND HOST
COUNTRY OFFICIALS. VANCE

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